THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Guidelines issued on 8.2.2001 are given in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 193, Annexure No. 12].

Tax Free Municipal Bonds will have a minimum maturity of 5 years.

The issuer may have option for buy back arrangement for the face value of the bonds from any individual investment after a lock in period of 3 years.

Income by way of interest rate upto 10.50% will be entitled to exemption from income tax under the Income Tax Act 1961 without limits.

(c) Proposals were received from Madurai Municipal Corporation and Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation for issue of tax free municipal bonds. The proposal from Madurai Municipal Corporation was not recommended, as the same was not in conformity with the Guidelines. The proposal from Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has been approved in principle.

Repair of Road between Outer Ring Road and J-Block Market, Vikaspuri

924. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1131 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th March, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the road between Outer Ring Road and J-Block Market, Vikaspuri, New Delhi has since been repaired and metalled;

(b) if not, the reason for the delay;

(c) whether the concerned authorities are not serious about the repaicmaintenance of the road; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take against the erring officials as also to ensure that the road is metalled at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that the road between Outer Ring Road and J-Block Market, Vikaspuri was dug up by a private agency, for laying underground cables. The firm had deposited the necessary road restoration charges with MCD. This cut had since been dressed up and levelling/dressing is done from time to time to keep the road motorable. For restoration of this cut, tenders had also been invited. However, in the meantime, it has been decided by MCD that in all cases of digging, the restoration work shall be done by the agency undertaking such digging. In cases where restoration charges have already been deposited, MCD shall refund back the amount to the concerned agency. As such, the matter is being taken up with the firm to refund the road restoration charges to them and for restoration of cut.

Districts and Cities Included in NCR

† 925. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts alongwith the cities included in the National Capital Region;

(b) whether the Gwalior district has also been included in the National Capital Region;

(c) if so, the details of progress made in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor while Gwalior was included in this plan earlier?

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.